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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s), through the undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement. The patents, publications or other information submitted herewith are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and copies are attached, excluding U.S. patents and publications. English abstracts for DE 35 06 393 A1, DE 198 43 352 A1 and DE 198 42 266 A1 are enclosed. Please note that no English language translations for DE 81100, DE 1107062, DE 30 20 043 A1 and DE 9 014 548 U1 are readily available. However, the relevancy of these documents are discussed in the specification, an International Search Report (ISR) or the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER). German Patent No. DE 38 04 856 A1 is


equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 5,000,112, German Patent No. DE 199 35 117 A1 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 6,475,283 B1, German Patent No. DE 100 53 064 A1 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 6,368,409 and German Patent No. DE 101 41 676 A1 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 6,746,712 B2. The patents and publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were cited in the specification and in a corresponding ISR. Copies of the ISR and IPER are enclosed. The Examiner is requested to make these references of record in the file of this application.

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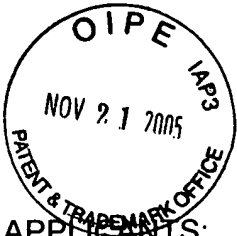
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required by the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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